

Gardening Calendar September

Turfgrass

- Check turfgrass for [white grubs](#), [sample 1' patches](#) of turf using a shovel to check numbers, treatment threshold of 7 grubs per square foot or greater.
- Continue to mow at the [correct height](#), consult the link to find your grass or click on the here: [Carolina Lawns](#) look for your grass.
- Discontinue applying any **nitrogen** fertilizer on warm season turfgrasses
- Scout for [gray leaf spot](#), especially in St. Augustine
- As soil temperatures fall, scout for [large patch](#), now is the time to apply the first application!
- Click on any of these links for more information, including cultural and chemical controls

Ornamentals

- Not a good time to prune any woody ornamentals! Pruning will stimulate new growth before frost but will not be hardened off. Dead, dying, or diseased wood can still be pruned.
- Do not fertilize, this can interfere with dormancy
- Okay to prune long-blooming annuals and herbaceous perennials.
- If you plan to move any plants, now is a great time to root prune to prepare them for the transition.
- Prepare houseplants to re-enter the house, check them for insects, use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil on them.

Planting

- Vegetables to be planted in September: arugula, snap beans, beets, broccoli (T), cabbage (T), carrots, cauliflower (T), Swiss chard (S,T) cilantro, collards (T), dill, kale (S,T), kohlrabi (S,T), lettuce, mustard, onions, radish, rutabaga, spinach, and turnips.
- Repot overgrown houseplants.
- Transplant pansies

Scouting and Spraying

- Watch out for spider mites in conifers, especially since it has been dry, lace bugs in azalea and pyracantha. Look for scale insects.
- Spray peach and nectarine trunks for peach tree borers
- Spray pecan trunks for pecan weevils
- Scout for worms and borers on vegetables, especially aphids and cabbage loopers on newly planted cole crops.
- Good time to control vining weeds such as kudzu, greenbriar, trumpet creeper and wisteria with appropriate herbicide
- [Large patch](#) application if you have seen large patch in the past.

Other Activities

- Good time for soil sampling for next season
- Clean up and put away unused gardening equipment so it will be ready for next spring
- Destroy any dead vegetable plants by chopping, burning, or plowing under.
- Start looking for spring flowering bulbs to plant in October!